

at San Norby, Chairman

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San Diego County Planning Commission
 500 Overland Avenue, Suite 110
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THE SOITEC SOLAR OPPOSITION; SOITEC HAS NO POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENTS; THEY ARE NOT COST EFFECTIVE; THEY ARE 'OUT OF THE MONEY'; THEY ARE NOT NEEDED OR WANTED

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This letter is written in support of justified opposition by the Boulevard Planning and others to Soitec's solar projects planned in fire-prone and drought-stressed groundwater dependent neighborhoods.

Soitec's CIP projects are "out of the money" and "out of the market" according to the Independent Committee for SDG&E's third amendment to their Power Purchase Agreement with Soitec¹. The DOE's August 2014 peer-review report on the \$25 million grant to Soitec reached similar conclusions. Soitec's CIP projects are not cost effective, not needed, not wanted, and not technologically or economically viable despite over \$35 million in federal and state grants, incentives, and unjustified and penny pinched rate tracking under AB900 that selects politically connected favorites as winners.

SDG&E's December 19th media release states that, "Since 2011...SDG&E has taken unprecedented steps to work with Soitec, amending contracts, extending milestone deadlines and seeking additional rate approvals over the years so that we could bring additional renewable resources into the San Diego area. However, Soitec has historically not been able to meet the extended deadlines and other obligations in the contracts. Earlier this year, Soitec assigned their contracts to third-party developers. Therefore, we no longer have a direct business relationship with Soitec."

SDG&E's December 22nd response to Soitec's Dec 5th Application 14-12-008 to amend their land use contract stated "...the Commission to closely scrutinize the factual claims made by Soitec in the application in order to ensure the accuracy of the evidentiary record..." SDG&E also noted they had already denied Soitec contracts a total of 24 times². SDG&E's formal statements were produced in 2013 and would appear to negate and undermine, their Soitec support letter, dated December 4th.

Do not create a renewable energy sacrifice zone! The preferred alternative should prioritize / maximize point-of-use renewable energy generation with battery backup and clean inventories on building structures and parking lot shade covers. Like the Navy's 20MW deal for 6,000 rooftop solar panels San Diego area homes. Over 44,000 area homes have gone solar with more on the way.

Large incompatible commercial-industrial scale projects represent unnecessary visual blight, new sources of electrical sparked wildfires, impacts to wildfire fighting tactics, public health and safety risks, use over 65 million of gallons of precious local groundwater resources during extended construction, degradation of property values, life time investments, quality of life, and impacts to wildlife. Total of over 20 recognized significant and unmitigable impacts. **PLEASE DENY SOITEC'S PROJECTS.**

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 14-12-008 Power Purchase Agreement @ page 7-2, 7-6, 7-10:
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